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January 27, 2009

Daniel J. Basta

Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

1305 East West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Basta:

At the December 12, 2008 Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council meeting, the council passed a resolution in support of protections from offshore oil drilling in the MBNMS.

This resolution requests that the Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries communicate to Congress and President Elect Obama the critical need to immediately reinstate the legislative moratorium on offshore oil and gas leases for the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

Sincerely,

Chris Harrold

Advisory Council Chair

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

The Advisory Council is composed of 20 federally appointed representatives from government agencies, local institutions, and user groups concerned with the resources of the Monters Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Council advises the Sanctuary Superintendent on matters of policy and provides a link between the community and Sanctuary management.